

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121 the Examiner has objected to the Applicant's amendment dated January 7, 2008 as non-compliant because each claim has not been provided with the proper status identifier. Specifically, claim 18 was listed as "(currently amended)" in the January 7 amendment yet no amendments were made to the claim. As claim 18 is in the same form as presented in the originally filed application, it is apparent that a the status identifier "(currently amended)" in the January 7 amendment was a clerical error and in its place claim 18 should have been accompanied by the correct status identifier of "(original)." Accompanying this response the Applicant resubmits the previous January 7, 2008 claim amendments accompanied by accurate status identifiers; namely, claim 18 is accompanied by the status identifier of "(original)."

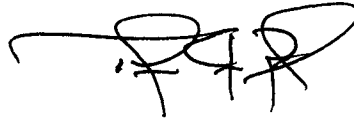
A complete listing of all the claims that had previously been presented and a proper status identifier for each claim is presented. Thus, Applicant now considers the response in compliance and respectfully requests the Examiner to move forward with the prosecution of this application, namely, consideration of Applicant's remarks, arguments, and amendments filed January 7, 2009 made in an attempt to overcome the objections and rejections advanced in the December 9, 2008 non-final office action and obtain a notice of allowance of all pending claims.

CONCLUSION

If any issues remain that may be expeditiously addressed in a telephone interview, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at 515/558-0200.

All fees or extensions of time believed to be due in connection with this response are attached hereto; however, consider this a request for any extension inadvertently omitted, and charge any additional fees to Deposit Account 50-2098.

Respectfully submitted,

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